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FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO  
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MV

SUBJ: RADIOS FOR MALDIVES

REF: COLOMBO 1843; COLOMBO 1960

1. AMBASSADOR RECEIVED LETTER AUG 20 FROM  
AMB DIDI IN RESPONSE TO OFFER OF HEATHKITS.  
OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH READS AS FOLLOWS: QTE I AM  
HAPPY TO INFORM YOU OF THE MALDIVIAN GOVT'S WILLINGNESS  
AND ITS INTEREST IN RECEIVING THE EQUIPMENT MENTIONED  
IN YOUR LETTER. I HAVE ALSO BEEN DIRECTED TO FIND OUT  
WHETHER THE USG COULD PROVIDE RADIO EQUIPMENT TO ESTABLISH  
A 19-STATION COMMUNICATION NETWORK INSTEAD OF 12-STATION  
AS YOUR EXCELLENCY ALSO WOULD BE AWARE THAT MALDIVES IS  
DIVIDED INTO 19 ATOLLS. FURTHER, MY GOVT REQUESTS TO  
FIND OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF TRAINING TWO MALDIVIANS IN  
RESPECT OF THE MAINTENANCE OF THIS EQUIPMENT UNQTE.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES EQUIPMENT SUFFICIENT FOR 19-STATION  
NETWORK SHOULD BE PROVIDED SO THAT EACH ATOLL IN  
MALDIVES WOULD HAVE COMMUNICATIONS CONTACT WITH  
MALE AS DESIRED BY GOM. WE ALSO SUPPORT  
GOM REQUEST FOR TRAINING FOR TWO MALDIVIANS IN  
MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT AS THIS WOULD ENHANCE  
PROBABILITY THAT EQUIPMENT WOULD BE USED PROPERLY

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AND PROLONG ITS USEFULNESS. BELIEVE SUCH TRAINING

COULD BE BEST PROVIDED IN MALDIVES AFTER EQUIPMENT ARRIVES THERE.

3. AMB DIDI ALSO RAISED ORALLY WITH AMB QUESTION OF POWER SOURCE FOR EQUIPMENT. DIDI SAID THAT HE BELIEVED ONLY TWO ATOLLS HAVE ELECTRICITY AND INDEPENDENT SOURCE OF POWER WOULD BE REQUIRED TO RUN EQUIPMENT. HE ASKED IF BATTERIES COULD BE PROVIDED WITH SETS TO SUPPLY POWER. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER THIS POSSIBLE. IF SO, RECOMMEND THAT THESE BE PROVIDED AS PART OF EQUIPMENT.

4. ALTHOUGH WE REALIZE THAT SOME ADDITIONAL EXPENSE WILL OBVIOUSLY BE INVOLVED, BELIEVE IT IS IN US INTEREST TO PROVIDE GOM WITH MOST COMPLETE AND USEFUL PACKAGE OF EQUIPMENT POSSIBLE. WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION OF WHETHER WE CAN MEET GOM REQUEST AND HOW SOON EQUIPMENT CAN BE READY FOR SHIPMENT TO MALDIVES.

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